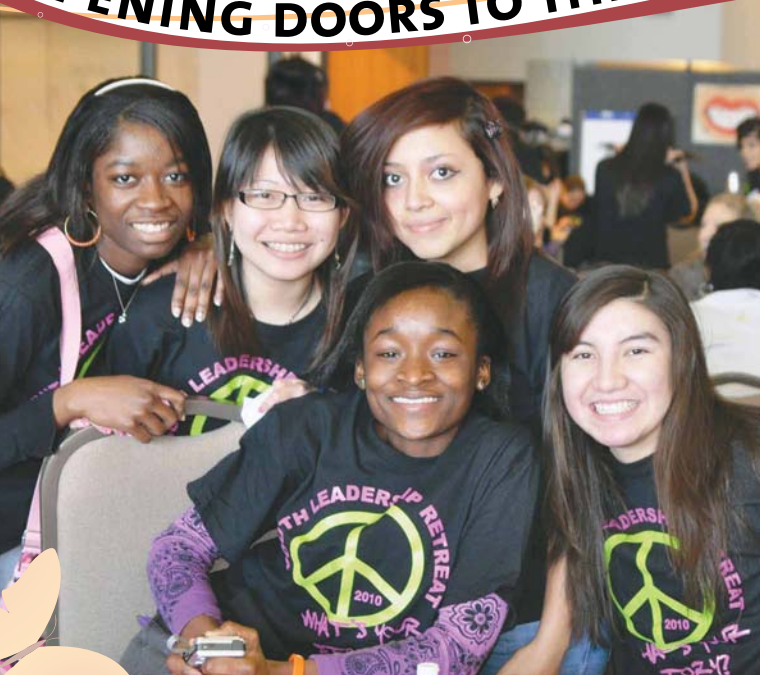


## OPENING DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY



### IMPROVING LIVES

**H**uman Services' mission is to provide exceptional programs and services to all Bloomington residents. By acting as a catalyst to enhance the quality of life and services for residents through education, community partnerships, advocacy and resources, Human Services accomplishes this mission.

For more information on the programs listed throughout these pages, call Human Services at 952-563-8733 or TTY 952-563-8740 or visit the City's website at [www.ci.bloomington.mn.us](http://www.ci.bloomington.mn.us). To receive e-mail updates, go to the City's website, click on [E-Subscribe](#) and sign up for "Human Services."

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## MINNESOTA DRUG CARD PROGRAM

### FREE PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE



**E**very resident is eligible to receive a Minnesota drug card through the free Prescription Assistance Drug Card

Program. There are no restrictions, no age or income requirements and no exclusions. The Minnesota drug card provides discounts on brand name and generic medications at participating pharmacies.

The program is funded through support from pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies. For more information, visit [www.minnesotadrugcard.com](http://www.minnesotadrugcard.com).

## DISCUSSIONS ON PEACE BUILDING GREAT DECISIONS CITIZEN EDUCATION PROGRAM



**T**he Human Rights Commission will host a Great Decisions event, **Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**, at Fire Station #1, 10 West 95th Street.

Great Decisions is a dynamic citizen education and discussion program, sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and coordinated locally by the Minnesota International Center. For more information, contact the Human Rights Commission at 952-563-8733.



### E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

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## VOLUNTEERS MATTER

### WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**E**very day in Bloomington, volunteers are improving the lives of others and bettering themselves through their unselfish and noble actions.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds help to make Human Services programs and events successful.

Youth volunteers such as **Bakhtawar Chaudhary**, a junior at Kennedy High School, assist in planning and implementing youth leadership events in the city.

Chaudhary started volunteering three years ago with the Human Rights Commission (HRC), when she was just 14 years old. Volunteering for the HRC, Chaudhary said, has exposed her to a new world of people and possibilities. It has also helped prepare her for the future.

"Because of my three years on the HRC, I know how to plan, raise funds

and advertise for an event," Chaudhary said. "I see how in the future I can bring awareness to important causes through special events."

*Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.*

- David Thomas

Resident **Ruth Evangelista** became involved in the community after moving to Bloomington from her native San Juan.

Evangelista originally contacted Human Services for help assimilating to her new environment. However, nine years later she continues to volunteer to make her community a better place for her children.

**Cheryl** (who preferred her last name not be used) began volunteering at Creekside Community Center as a way to stay active while giving back to her community. Cheryl contacted Human Services Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Doncavage to learn about available opportunities. *See page 2 for Cheryl's story.*

Volunteers like Chaudhary, Evangelista and Cheryl raise awareness of important social needs, connect communities and build friendships.

Whether you want to make new friends, increase the quality of life in your community, learn valuable life skills or build your resume, Human Services has a variety of volunteer opportunities, including working with youth, families, multicultural communities and aging adults.

For more information on how to get involved, contact Human Services.

### CONTACT HUMAN SERVICES

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